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C.I.A. Has Massive Staff & Lots Of Money To Waste

The Central Intelligence Agency this month was actively headed by its new chief William F. Raborn. Raborn is a military man.

The C.I.A. has an annual budget estimated variously at from half a billion to two billion dollars a year. Its affairs are supposed to be "secret" but its location in Langley, Virginia, is a tourist attraction.

The C.I.A. specializes in toppling democratic governments in favor of military dictatorships. It makes no secret of its role in effecting changes of government in Guatemala, Laos and Iran.

With more than 20,000 employees, of whom more than 15,000 are supposed to be dealing with "intelligence" reports, the C.I.A. knew less about the mood and attitude of the Cuban people before the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion than any subscriber to *The Independent*.

Recent revelations indicate that in getting the wrong information on Cuba the C.I.A. spent more than fifty million dollars. The cost of a subscription to *The Independent* is still only \$3 a year.

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